(iii) DIT has established four samadhan Kendras in three States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh under a pilot scheme for the benefit of rural masses.

(d) IIT, Chennai (TeNET group) has been implementing a highly successful "SARI" (Sustainable Access in Rural India) project for some time, funded by various agencies with the support and encouragement of DoT. It provides telephony and data/internet services.

(e) No, Sir.

New Telecom Exchanges in Kerala

3048. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for setting up of new telecom exchanges in Kerala in near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN):(a)Yes,Sir.

(b) 28 New telephone exchanges are planned in Kerala during 2003-04. The details are given in the Statement.

Statement

The details of the new telephone exchanges proposed to be set up in Kerala Circle durinq 2003-04.

SI. No.	Name of Secondary Switching Area	Name of the exchange
1		Kuruvattor
2		Maikavu
3		Valiaparamba
4		Karakkamala
5		Iringannur
6	Calicut	Payyoli
7		Valayam

SI. No.	Name of Secondary Switching Area	Name of the exchange
8		Velom
9		Koomully
10		Kokkallur
11		Kayanna
12		Mavudy
13		Pooyamkutty
14	Ernakulam	Varappetty
15		Vaduthala
16	Kottyam	Punchavayal
17		Koottanad
18		Dhoni (Hemambika Nagar)
19	Palghat	Kanyampuram (Ottapalam)
20		Manappullikavu
21	Malappuram	Irimbiliyam
22		Vavvakkavu
23	Quilon	Kaithakode
24		Thudayannur
25		Paisakari
26	Cannanore	Arivilanjapoyil
27		Poinachi
28	Trivandrum	Thennur

Non-functioning of telephone connections

3049. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of telephone connections under telephone exchanges in Sector-3 Rohini, Delhi, remained non-functional during the month, of July and August, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, particularly in pockef C-13;